

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
588 FEDERAL BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 5, 1921.

Personal and Confidential

MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: INTELLIGENCE OR RADICAL BRANCH
CHICAGO OFFICE.

I am not thoroughly satisfied and have not been for some time with things in general of certain agents who have been assigned specifically in the Intelligence branch of this office.

I would rather have a personal conference with you concerning this matter than write to you about it.

I presume it will not be very long until I will have a personal conference.

I would like to have taken this matter up with you several months ago but for certain reasons it was considered better not to make any changes until at least the close of the senate sub-committee investigating charges filed of alleged illegal practices of the Department of Justice.

I take this occasion to write you this letter to be on record as not being satisfied with that particular branch of this office.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Division Superintendent.

EJB/DD

Cc to Director Flynn.

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CLOSED SECTION
SEE SECTION FOUR

RECOMMENDATIONS.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Mr. Brennan reports February 14, 1921, that if it is absolutely necessary to further reduce the force in his Division he would recommend the following names be considered, although he would regret to see the first three named go as they are very good agents.

Sawyer, Lewis, E.	- Milwaukee
Solanka, Emil A.	- St. Louis
Murphy, G. P.	- St. Paul.
Haines, John M.	- Chicago

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EJB:PAS

June 17, 1921.

Rooney

Federal Building,

Chicago, Ill.

Due Sunday nine A. M. Pennsylvania. Notify.

Brennan

Department of Justice

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Chicago, Ills. June 1, 1921

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Washington.

Due Washington Friday nige A.M. Baltimore and Ohio.

Brennan

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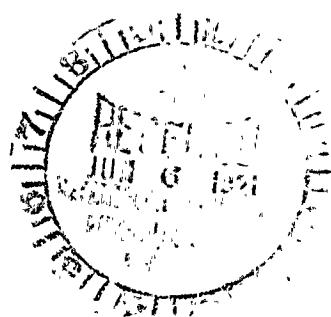
MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MAY 31, 1921.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Division #5



CHICAGO DIVISION

Special Agents

James P. Rooney, ✓ Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois office.

- ✓ Howe, Thomas J.
- ✓ Walker, Walter G.
- ✓ Loeb, Louis
- ✓ Harris, Allen P.
- ✓ Burger, Max F.
- ✓ Flummer, Lorenzo T.
- ✓ Loula, August H.
- ✓ Peyronnin, James O.
- ✓ Rooney, James D.
- ✓ Jamie, Alexander G.
- ✓ Spolansky, Jacob
- ✓ Mullen, Thomas F.
- ✓ Fergus, Patrick J.
- ✓ Wolff, Maurice,
- ✓ Shanahan, Edwin C.
- ✓ Kahn, Bernard
- ✓ Polen, Joseph
- ✓ Garber, Hugh G. Reported Chicago for duty May 31, 1921.

Clerks

- ✓ Donnelly, Dorothy - Chf. Clerk & Sec. to Division Superintendent
- ✓ Cooney, Mrs. Margaret M. - Stenographer
- ✓ Donnelly, Virginia - Stenographer
- ✓ Brennan, John E. - Stenographer
- ✓ Hassel, Mittiema - Stenographer
- ✓ Johnson, Fannie - File Clerk
- ✓ Dunkel, Helen - Switchboard operator & typist.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT

Special Agents

- ✓ McLaughlin, James J. ✓ - Special Agent in Charge
- ✓ Fisher, Charles W. ✓
- ✓ Lynch, John A. Jr. ✓
- ✓ Maher, Dennis W. ✓
- ✓ Solanka, Emil A. ✓

Clerks

- ✓ Weiler, Marguerite - Stenographer & File Clerk
- ✓ O'Rielly, Marie - Stenographer

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT

Special Agents

- ✓ Stroud, Henry H. - Special Agent in Charge
- ✓ Sawyer, Lewis
- ✓ Harris, Charles
- ✓ Dole, Earl L.

Clerks

- ✓ Derber, Edna H. - Stenographer

St. PAUL DISTRICT

Special Agents

✓ Daly, James H. - Acting Special Agent in Charge

✓ Murphy, Gerald P.

Clerks

✓ Deyo, Alice - Stenographer

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT

Special Agents

DODGE, FRANKLIN L. - Special Agent in Charge.

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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RENNAN.

Department of Justice.

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Chicago, Ills. May 24, 1921

Baley

Washington.

Leaving tonight for St Louis expect return Saturday morning
next May twenty eighth.

Brennan

4 50 P.M.

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JTS/EW

May 20, 1921.

Mr. E. J. Baughman,
Division Superintendent,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant,
relating to office space of the Bureau in the
Federal Building at Chicago.

I have carefully noted your statements,
and you can be assured that the Bureau will heartily
cooperate in the direction requested by you.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

copied & letter to Mr. Breckinridge
Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
588 FEDERAL BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 20, 1921.

MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you herewith a copy of a letter addressed by me to each Special Agent in Charge of the District offices of this Division under date of April 9, 1921; also a copy of a letter addressed by me to each agent attached to this Bureau in this Division on the same date.

The object of my letter was to receive a reply from each and every agent or employe working under my direction in this Division to Paragraph 4 of my letter to these agents.

You have undoubtedly heard during past years where some agent - particularly at the change of an administration - would state that they "never have a chance to learn anything" that they "never received a Criminal Code Book" or that "no one has ever attempted to teach anything about the bureau" to them, etc. etc. This leaves a bad impression, of course, with persons most of whom are officials in the department, of the agent's superiors.

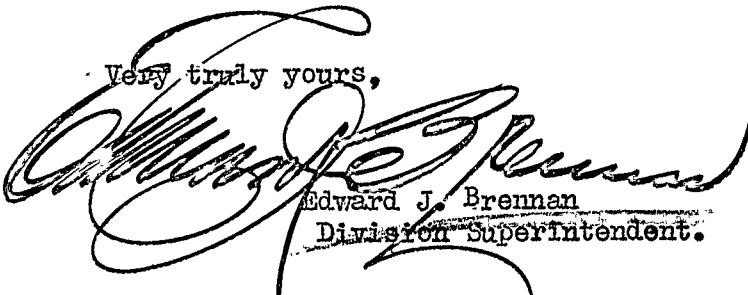
I am also enclosing herewith (in a book form) original letters received from each and every Special Agent in Charge and Special Agent or Special Employe attached to the Bureau working in Division #5 and under my direction. Each and every one of these letters shows that the agent has received, read and studied the Criminal Code book, compilations of important data prepared by me here and other books and papers all of which they acknowledge as having done them a wonderfully lot of good in their work. I have all of them on record and there is no employe in Division #5 can truthfully say that he has not had a chance, or that his attention has never been directed to certain

important things that he should know in order to be a first class highly efficient Special Agent of this Bureau.

Of course I do not expect you to read all this data but one or two of the letters would give you a general idea.

Please return the enclosed as soon as it has served its purpose, and oblige,

Very truly yours,



Edward J. Brennan

Division Superintendent.

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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
588 FEDERAL BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 18, 1921.

RE: OFFICE SPACE CHICAGO

MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

During the time that I have been Division Superintendent here in Chicago, I have had considerable trouble in retaining the office space of the local office of this Bureau at Chicago, Illinois. I will not bother you with the details and difficulties I have experienced all this time as I am certain you are fully aware of my position.

There is a so called unit - Intelligence branch Revenue Department; I do not know what they do and I don't believe anybody else does, and it is my opinion that they are the fifth wheel of the wagon, however, every time that they have an extra man come to Chicago they run to the custodian and complain about the spacious rooms we have and start a controversy and keep us forever trying to hold on to our rights. They are at present occupying two or three rooms on the eighth floor of this building which have been assigned to the office of the United States Attorney. They are at present and have been occupying these rooms through the courtesy extended to them by the United States Attorney.

Mr. A. C. Ernshaw, Special Agent in Charge of that Intelligence unit of the Revenue Service, called on me twice this week requesting that I would give up one or two of the offices of this bureau. I told him frankly that I could not and would not.

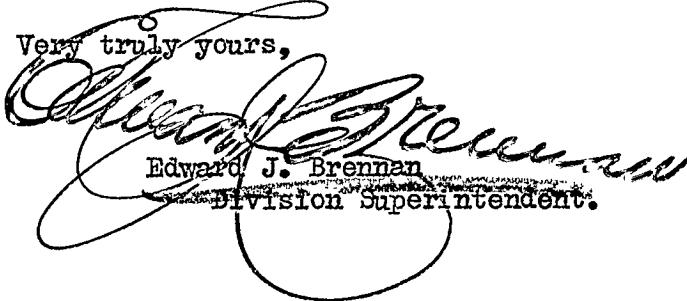
The object of my letter is to advise you in advance of any communication that you might receive concerning this matter at Washington, because I am very much under the impression that he is going to take the matter up through his superior officers at Washington in the Treasury Dept. and will probably be referred to the Attorney General's office.

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We need all the office space that we have now assigned to us at Chicago and under no circumstances do we want any other bureau to share space with us.

I wish that you would please keep this in mind and be ready to back me up and fight it out at Washington and I will take care of the local end here.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Division Superintendent.

EJB/DD

LJB:HEJ

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May 10, 1921.

Mr. H. J. Brennan,
Box #455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant enclosing two copies of Remarks and Compilations made and read by you to Agents of the Chicago office on Tuesday morning, the 5th instant, on the subject of crime.

I have been reading these with a great deal of interest and am sure that the meetings are very beneficial to all who are fortunate enough to attend.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

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JWS:KFW

May 9, 1931.

Edw. J. Brennan, Esq.
Division Superintendent,
P. O. Box 458,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 5th instant, in re readjustment of the salaries of Special Agents Polen and Walker. I have carefully noted your recommendation and can assure you it will be given careful consideration in the near future. Just as soon as the pressing duties of the Attorney General will permit him to give reorganization matters in the Bureau his attention, I will write you further.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

LJB:HEJ

May 7, 1921.

Personal and
Confidential.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Box 7436,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two confidential letters dated the 5th instant, one concerning the radical branch of your office, and the other concerning the selection of a more competent man to take charge of the Milwaukee office.

Reorganization matters are moving rather slowly here, but it seems likely that action will be taken at an early date in connection with such matters. When the policy of the present administration has been decided upon, I will be glad to take up with you further both of these matters, and as you suggest, I think it will be well to have a personal conference in connection therewith. As soon as we are in a position to take some definite action, I will either go out to Chicago to see you or get you to come here for a conference.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Chief.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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SERIAL CHARGE-OUT

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
588 FEDERAL BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

May 5, 1921.

RE: SPECIAL AGENT JOSEPH POLEN &
SPECIAL AGENT WALTER G. WALKER

MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

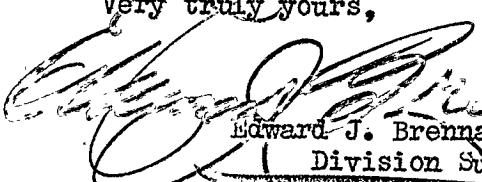
Dear Sir:

Special Agent Joseph Polen is in my opinion an agent that would class with the \$6.00 a day agent of the Chicago office. He at present receives \$7.00.

Special Agent Walter G. Walker is, in my opinion, one of the best all around agents in the bureau today. His per diem is \$7.00 a day.

On account of the present reorganization and readjustment of things I think it would be well, and recommend that Special Agent Polen's per diem be decreased from \$7.00 to \$6.00 and that Special Agent Walker's be increased from \$7.00 to \$8.00.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Division Superintendent.

EJB/DD

Cc to Director Flynn

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

May 5, 1921.

MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY
Chief, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

After very careful consideration covering a period of many months, I have come to the conclusion and it is my opinion that for the good of the service it would be well to have a more competent man in charge of the Milwaukee office of this division.

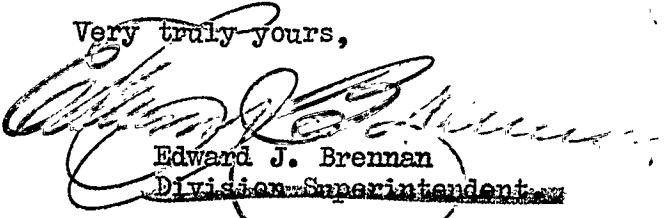
I do not mean by this that the services of Special Agent Stroud should be dispensed with nor do I recommend that he would be transferred out of the Milwaukee office for reasons referred to in my letter of December 27, 1920, (particularly the first paragraph page 2 of said letter which is incorporated herewith):

"To be very frank and to the point I will say that if it had not been for Stroud catching certain individuals in Milwaukee in bribing Federal officials, including himself, I would have recommended to you to either have him transferred from this division or grant me the authority to put someone in his stead who would carry out the rules and regulations, and the policy of the Bureau and the Department. If we should make this change now he would be probably just the one that would tell the public that the reason for his transfer or demotion was on account of his activities in catching the so-called bribers, who probably had some influence."

It is my opinion that on account of the present reorganization and readjustment of the Bureau it would be an opportune time to assign some competent agent as Special Agent in Charge of the

Milwaukee office thinking probably that you have some agents throughout the country who are competent to direct the work of an office of the Bureau such as Milwaukee.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Division Superintendent

EJB/DD.

Cc to Director Flynn

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

JPM/EN

April 28, 1921.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Division Superintendent,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of copy of your letter addressed to Mr. Baley regarding the advisability of having more agents who speak and translate the Italian language.

I have already embodied this suggestion in a recent memorandum to the Assistant Attorney General.

Yours truly,

Director.

Copy for the Director.

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
588 FEDERAL BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

April 26, 1921.

MR. LEWIS J. BALDY,
Chief,
Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We need in the Chicago office particularly and have been needing very much an agent of Italian descent who can speak the Italian language fluently and can read, write and translate it accurately. We have had several operations out of this office which should have been conducted by an agent having these qualifications and have been handicapped in not having the services of such an agent.

I have been extremely skeptical in recommending the employment of any particular applicant or prospective agent of this character for many reasons and must say at the present writing I have no one in mind.

In the event that you agree with me and can furnish me with an agent having these qualifications please have him report to us here as soon as convenient. In the event that you have no agent having these qualifications and you approve of my requisition authority is requested for me to employ a person of this kind after having, of course, thoroughly investigated him as to his character and qualifications.

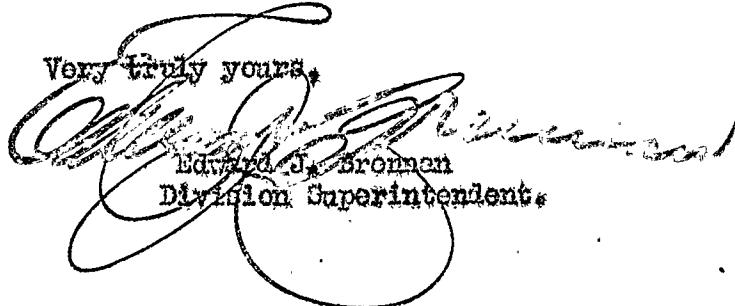
In this connection and in passing I will say that I have been advised and am under the impression that former Special Agent Hugh G. Garber while an American born citizen not of Italian descent speaks fluently and can read, write and translate the Italian language.

I understand that Mr. Garber is very anxious to return to the bureau and has made application to be reinstated as a special agent in the bureau.

To be very frank and to the point I do not hesitate to state that I would much rather have an agent having the qualifications of Mr. Garber or any other person of similar character and qualifications whom we could work on almost anything at any time and have the benefit of his services all the time than some person who could only be used on a particular kind of investigation and who would be practically idle the rest of the time. In the event that we would have an investigation here which would have to be handled by an Italian and none other we would be in a very good position to handle the situation having an agent who could converse fluently with persons or informants whom we might be obliged to employ to endeavor to do the work.

I would thank you for an expression of your views on this subject.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Broman
Division Superintendent

EJB/DD

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
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CHICAGO, ILL.

April 25, 1921.

MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 20, 1921, initialed JTS-HEJ requesting me to recommend some special agent to succeed Special Agent in Charge Kelly of Butte Mont. whom you desire to transfer from Butte on account of the altitude there which is injuriously affecting the health of Special Agent Kelly's wife.

Agents attached to this division who are thoroughly familiar with the I.W.W. situation which knowledge is highly important for a Special Agent in Charge at Butte do not desire to accept transfer to that point.

I have never met Special Agent D.F. Costello of the Spokane office but judging from his reports and from casual inquiry I am of the opinion that it is more than likely that he would be competent to fulfill the office at Butte.

I do not know whether or not Claude McCaleb, who was at one time attached to the San Antonio, Texas office, is still in the service of the Bureau but from what I have learned concerning McCaleb I am also of the opinion that he would be competent.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan

Division Superintendent.

EJB/DD

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J. P. S.

Chief Washn DC

Leaving for Chicago tonight

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Department of Justice.

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Chicago, Ills. April 5, 1921

~~Normal~~

~~J. P. S.~~

Baley,

Washington.

Leaving tonight for St Paul address care Bureau office

Contemplate returning Chicago Friday morning next.

Brennan

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JTS:HEJ

April 4, 1921.

Answered
April 5
Mr. E. J. Brown,
Box #455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 2d instant enclosing a check drawn to my order on the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, for \$250.00, the same being a refund of the advance made you out of the "Special Fund."

It was not my intention in writing you on March 30th to have you refund the money at this time if needed by you in your division. I will send you a check drawn on the "Special Fund" if you are in need of an advance at this time.

I simply desired to give notice that later during the present fiscal year, it might be necessary, because of the condition of our appropriation, to draw on some of the money now on advance to the various offices.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

Rec'd 4/15/21
Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
588 FEDERAL BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

April 2, 1921

MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 30, 1921, initialed JTS-EW concerning the advance of \$250. made to this office for official use as a special fund.

I am enclosing you herewith my check #15 on the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago for \$250.00 ~~which amount was~~ made and charged to me by you from this fund.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Division Superintendent.

EJB/DD

JTS/EW

March 30, 1921.

clerk

Mr. E. J. Brennan
P. O. Box 455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

In view of the present condition of our appropriation it will in all probability be necessary in the near future to return to the Disbursing Clerk ~~all~~^{most} of the advance made for use as a special fund.

Will you, therefore, promptly upon receipt of this advise me, if such demands are made, how much of the \$450 advance made and charged to you can be immediately returned upon demand without impairing the operations of your office?

Very truly yours,

Chief.

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JTS/EW

March 21, 1921.

Mr. William L. David,
Tollis, Hegsett, Ginn & Morley,
Williamson Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Following your personal call at the Bureau, it was developed that the services of Special Agents of the Bureau are not available for the special assignment you desire owing to the fact that our reduced appropriation has decreased the Bureau force to such a point that its investigative work will not permit the granting of leave of absence to the kind of men you desire.

In line with your first suggestion, I would state that among former Special Agents of the Bureau who may be found available for the investigative work you have in hand are the following:

Earl C. Houck, Terre Haute, Ind.
Associated since his resignation from the Bureau with certain work at Indianapolis in the United Coal Miners case under the direction of former Justice Hughes.

A. E. Hayes, Charleston, W. Va.

John W. Kelly, Merna, Nebraska.

Edward S. Ridley, Sigma Chi House, Bloomington, Ind.

Roy Chatfield, Raymond J. Kelly and Elmer Joyce, who, I am informed by our Division Superintendent at Chicago, are absolutely trustworthy. The former two have informed him they would accept such employment as you offer. He has not been able to reach the last-named.

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If you desire to communicate with any of the three last named I would suggest that you write Edward J. Brennan, Division Superintendent, 568 Federal Building, Chicago, Ill.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
588 FEDERAL BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

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March 19, 1921.

LEWIS J. BAILEY, ESQ.,
Chief,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Attention Mr. J. T. Suter.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of even date which reads as follows:

"Can you recommend two or three former Special Agents absolutely trustworthy for special employment month or two one"

Not knowing the character of the work but for trustworthiness I cheerfully recommend former Special Employes Roy Chatfield, Raymond J. Kelly, and Elmer Joyce.

I was unable to get in touch with these men until late this Saturday afternoon and that is the reason I am writing you. Chatfield and Kelly would accept.

I have been unable today to get in touch with Joyce.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Division Superintendent

EJB:Br

JTS:HEJ

March 19, 1921.

Send following telegram to

Brennan, Federal Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

Weakley, Federal Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Can you recommend two or three former Special Agents
absolutely trustworthy for special employment month
or two? One.

BALDWIN.

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JTS/EM

March 18, 1931.

Revised

Federal Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Can you furnish good Special Agent to work under cover with
Sawyer, Special Agent joining him Indianapolis morning twenty
second instant. Work to last about two weeks. One.

BALEY.

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
588 FEDERAL BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

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MARCH 17, 1921.

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MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you herewith copy of a letter dated Milwaukee Wisconsin, March 16, 1921, signed Henry H. Stroud Special Agent in Charge. Also a copy of a letter dated Milwaukee, Wis. March 16, 1921, addressed to Mr. Henry H. Stroud, signed H. A. Sawyer, United States Attorney.

I am also enclosing you herewith a carbon copy of a letter I addressed today to Special Agent in Charge Stroud concerning this matter.

The particular reason that I am forwarding you copies of these correspondence is on account of receiving Bureau letter dated December 23, 1920, regarding the activities of Special Agent Stroud on the enforcement of the Prohibition laws (copy of which is also hereto attached).

In this connection I desire to state that United States Attorney Sawyer has been harping on investigations of this character in Milwaukee for many months - that I received a similar request in the same manner some months ago and directed Special Agent Stroud to take up with Mr. Sawyer and advise him to refer all matters of this sort to Special Agent Madden, Internal Revenue Department Room 859 Federal Bldg., Chicago, Ill. which, as I understand, was done.

I was advised by Mr. Madden that two agents were sent from his office to confer with United States Attorney Sawyer

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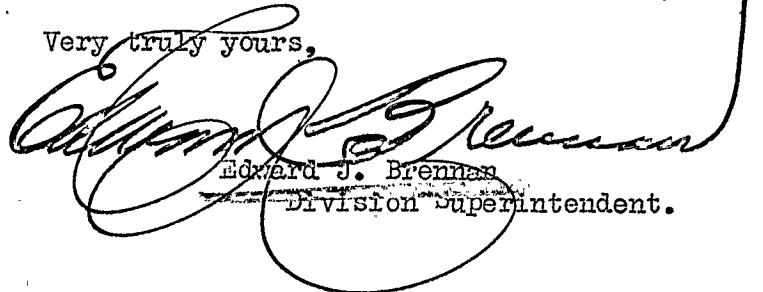
at that time and that the information that Mr. Sawyer had was so vague and indefinite on the matter - nothing more or less than suspicion and that it would take the work of at least two agents for probably six months without much of a chance to obtain the desired result they having no leads or in other words no absolute evidence that there had been a crime committed. It was for this reason that the agents were withdrawn from the investigation.

If the Prohibition Enforcement force in Milwaukee or any other place is crooked it is my opinion that it is about time that this should be called to the attention of the new Secretary of the Treasury and the new Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and that if U. S. Attorney at Milwaukee or any other place has any reliable information (other than mere suspicion) or evidence it should be transmitted to the Honorable Attorney General and not have or compel this Bureau to conduct what might be termed an unnecessary investigation particularly when there is at present in existence a unit in the Revenue Service just for that purpose.

It is my opinion that it is only the same old rumor as is in most all cities with reference to the National Prohibition Enforcement Force.

At this time I will say that I do not approve of the Milwaukee office conducting or making this investigation however, I am forwarding you the correspondence requesting to be advised in the premises.

Very truly yours,



Edward J. Brennan
Division Superintendent.

EJB/DD

Department of Justice
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CHICAGO, ILL.

MARCH 17, 1921.

MR. H. H. STROUD,
Postoffice Box 663
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 16, 1921, enclosing and referring to original letter addressed to you from U. S. Attorney Sawyer under date of March 16, 1921, requesting your services to conduct under his direction an investigation of activities of members of the Police Department of the City of Milwaukee and more than likely members of the Prohibition Enforcement Force and others, whose names are not given, whom it appears may have violated the Volstead or National Prohibition Act.

Your attention is directed to Bureau circular letter #68 (Amendment to Bureau circular letter #54 dated August 30, 1920.

In this connection referring to Mr. Sawyer's letter, I will quote an excerpt as follows:

" - - - - - For such purpose it is impossible for this office to use the services of any one connected with the Prohibition Enforcement office because reports indicate that persons connected with the enforcement office are likely to be involved."

I now direct your particular attention to the last paragraph of Bureau circular #68 dated August 30, 1920, wherein agents and special agents in charge of this Bureau should furnish the Division Superintendent a written report in triplicate which will be, in turn forwarded by the Division Superintendent to the Chief of the Bureau in duplicate so that it may be referred

to the proper official for appropriate attention, - in this case the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Please comply with Bureau instructions concerning these matters.

In passing I might say that at this time I do not approve of the Bureau office at Milwaukee conducting this investigation as there does not seem to be an emergency and more particularly for the reason that I know that there is ~~now~~ organized within the Internal Revenue Department a picked force of absolutely honest capable and efficient agents whose duties are expressly for the purpose of conducting investigations of this kind. However, I am forwarding a copy of your letter together with a copy of U. S. Attorney Sawyer's letter to the Bureau at Washington. In the meantime it is suggested that you would advise Mr. Sawyer that he should communicate at once with Mr. A. C. Barnshaw, Special Agent in Charge Intelligence Unit Internal Revenue Bureau, 859 Federal Bldg., Chicago, Ill. Mr. Barnshaw has succeeded Mr. Madden and has a force here as large as ours.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Division Superintendent.

EJB/DD

JTS/EM

March 17, 1921.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Division Superintendent,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your personal and confidential letter of the 25th ultimo, I would state that I agree with you in your conclusions and I hope it will be possible to have a much more satisfactory policy in such matters in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

C O P Y

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

Federal Bldg.
Milwaukee, Wis.

March 16, 1921.

Edward J. Brennan, Esq.,
Box No. 455
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find original letter
that the writer has just received from Mr.
H.A. SAWYER, U.S. District Attorney for the Eastern
District of Wisconsin, which is self-explanatory.

I might add in addition to Mr. Sawyer's
letter that conditions here at the present time between
the local police authorities and the executives of
the city are very tense. The Federal Grand Jury for
the Eastern District of Wisconsin will convene on
Tuesday, March 29th, The U.S. Attorney is very desirous
that something be done immediately along the lines
suggested or intimated in his letter. If authority
is to be granted that the writer take charge of the
investigations referred to that the same be expedited
as you will note we have about ten working days prior
to the convening of the Grand Jury.

Very truly yours,

HENRY H. STROUD
Special Agent in Charge.

C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Eastern District of Wisconsin
MILWAUKEE

March 16, 1921.

Mr. H.H. Stroud,
Bureau of Investigation,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:-

Mayor Hoan has recently been conducting an investigation of activities of members of the Police Department of the City of Milwaukee, as a result of which several officials, some of them of high rank, have been dismissed from the service. Mayor Hoan and his aides called to the attention of this office some of the facts developed by him which indicate that members of the Police Department have been engaged in or connected with violations of the Prohibition Act and perhaps other federal statutes. The situation called to the attention of this office by Mayor Hoan is one which necessitates immediate further investigation. For such purpose it is impossible for this office to use the services of any one connected with the prohibition enforcement office, because reports indicate that persons connected with the enforcement office are likely to be involved. It is necessary that some, familiar with the local situation should have charge of this investigation, and I, therefore, earnestly request that you make an effort immediately to procure authority to at once take charge of this investigation under the direction of this office.

Respectfully,

H.A. SAWYER
U.S. Attorney.

Department of Justice.

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St Louis, Mo. March 11, 1921

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J.T.S.

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Returning to Chicago tonight.

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Department of Justice
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MARCH 7, 1921.

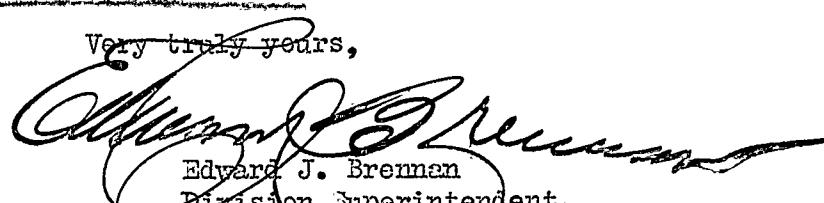
CHIEF,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In the event that it becomes absolutely necessary to use an agent from this division the only office that I can see that it could be possible to spare an agent from would be the Milwaukee office - either Special Agent in Charge Stroud, Special Agent Sawyer or Special Agent Harris.

In the event that further reductions are made in the Bureau the only place that we can possibly get along without an agent would be either the Milwaukee or St. Paul offices.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Breman
Division Superintendent.

EJB/DD



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S.P.S.

March 5, 1921.

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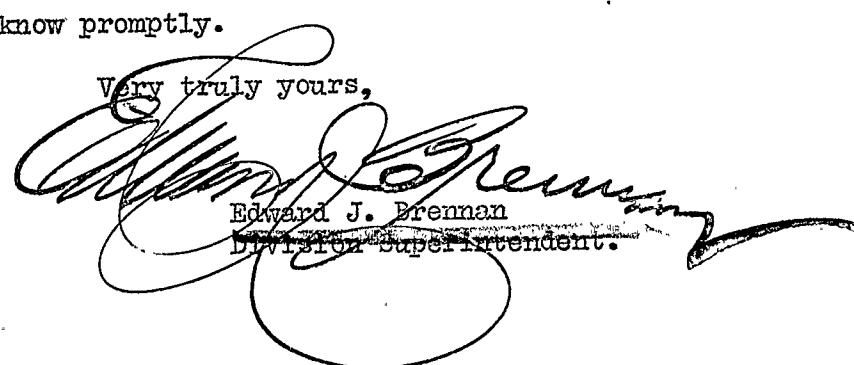
MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 2, 1921,
initialed JTS/EW requesting to be advised if we have
an agent in this Division available for indefinite assign-
ment in the Third Division.

At this time I must say that we have no agent
in this division that we can spare, however, if conditions
should adjust themselves in such a way that we could spare
an agent I will let you know promptly.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT.

EJB/DD

NOTED
J.T.S.

MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

FEBRUARY 28, 1921.

Chicago, Illinois

Edward J. Brennan

DIVISION #5



CHICAGO DIVISION

Special Agents

✓ James P. Rooney, Special Agent in Charge Chicago office.

✓ Howe, Thomas J.
✓ Walker, Walter G.
✓ Loebl, Louis
✓ Harris, Allen P.
✓ Berger, Max F.
✓ Plummer, Lorenzo F.
✓ Loula, August H.
✓ Peyronnin, James O.
✓ Rooney, James D.
✓ Jamie, Alexander G.
✓ Spolansky, Jacob
✓ Mullen, Thomas F.
✓ Fergus, Patrick J.
✓ Wolff, Maurice
✓ Shanahan, Edwin C.
✓ Kahn, Bernard

Clerical force

✓ Donnelly, Dorothy - Chf. Clerk & Secretary to Division Superintendent.
✓ Cooney, Mrs. Margaret M. Stenographer
✓ Donnelly, Virginia @ Stenographer
✓ Brennan, John M. - Stenographer
✓ Hassel, Eittiena - Stenographer
✓ Johnson, Fannie - File Clerk
✓ Dunkel, Helen - Switchboard operator.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

Special Agents

- ✓ McLaughlin, James J. - Special Agent in Charge.
- ✓ Fisher, Charles W.
- ✓ Lynch, John A. Jr.
- ✓ Maher, Dennis W.
- ✓ Solanka, Emil A.

Clerical Force

- Weiler, Marguerite, Stenographer & File Clerk
- O'Rielly, Marie - Stenographer

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT

Special Agents

✓ Stroud, Henry H. - Special Agent in Charge.

✓ Sawyer, Lewis E. *Temporary* assigned to Birmingham, Ala., indefinitely

✓ Harris, Charles L.

✓ Dole, Earl L.

Clerical

Derber, Edna H.

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

Special Agents

✓ Skelly, Roger E. - Special Agent in Charge.

✓ Daly, James H.

✓ Murphy, Gerald P.

Stenographer

Deyo, Alice.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT

Special Agents

✓ Dodge, Franklin L. - Special Agent in Charge.

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PERSONAL

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NOT FOR THE FILES.

Feb. 25, 1921.

MR. LEWIS J. BAILEY,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to attached copy of bureau letter dated Feb. 21, 1921, initialed CLK, concerning the assignment of Special Agent Walter G. Walker of this office to the Heitler case here, I am satisfied that if you had dictated this letter that you would have addressed it to me or Special agent in Charge Rooney.

I trust that the enclosed letter from Special Agent Walter J. Walker of Feb. 24, 1921, for the Attention of CLK will be a satisfactory explanation.

There has been a condition here that I have been wanting to call your attention to for some time. I did not care to write thinking that I could explain better and more satisfactorily verbally. The last time that I was in Washington I had it in mind but it slipped my memory and, as I will probably not see you or the Director before the new administration I think it would be well to advise you at this time that you may be able if you concur and agree with me, to take the matter up with the in coming Attorney General.

It has been a practice here in Chicago (I do not know of any other district where it has been done - I know that it never has been the practice in offices or districts where I have been in charge before) to appoint Special Agents of the Bureau to act as Assistants to the United States Attorney.

After careful consideration I would suggest for the

benefit of the Bureau, that you take the matter up with the incoming Attorney General and request that appointments of special agents of the Bureau as Special Assistants to the U. S. Attorneys would not be made - at least not promiscuously to certain U. S. Attorneys offices.

When I took charge of this office in July 1919, there were a half dozen agents practically "hidden out" or as I named it "in the rafters" (the rafters is the 8th or top floor of the federal building at Chicago, most of which is occupied by the U. S. Attorneys offices). Half of these agents were appointed Special Assistants to the U. S. Attorney doing work that Asst. U. S. Attorneys should do - receiving no compensation from the appropriation for U. S. Attorneys and their assistants but being paid from the appropriation "Detection & Prosecution of Crime" which is appropriated for the maintenance of this bureau.

I succeeded in a short time in convincing the United States Attorney's office that agents were agents and were expected to do agent's work and not to perform Assistant U. S. Attorneys services.

I have three very competent agents in this office, namely, Walter G. Walker, Max F. Burger and Thomas J. Howe; all three have appointments as Special Assistant to the U. S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois at Chicago (copies of their appointments are hereto attached).

Most every time that there is an extraordinary case originating here in the U. S. Attorney's office and which involves upon this bureau or Department to make the necessary and essential investigation, the U. S. Attorney has the agent investigating the case appointed a Special Assistant and practically throws the responsibility and everything else on him - steps out and the Assistant U. S. Attorney who should have been assigned to the case has a chance to take care of his private practice, etc.

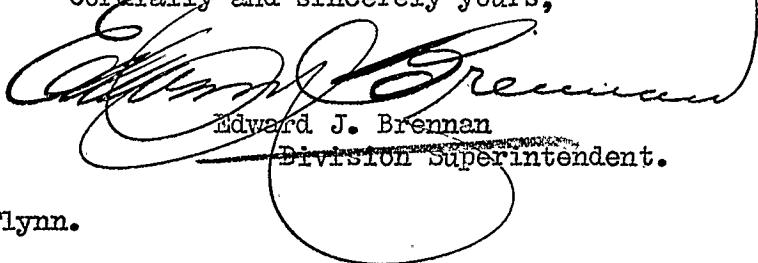
There have been very important and extraordinary postoffice cases, custom cases and other cases investigated prepared and prosecuted to a successful end where the investigative agent was not and could not be appointed Special Asst. U.S.Attorney, thus showing that they could just as well handle the legal end in extraordinary cases that are involved upon this bureau to investigate without appointing our agents as assistants.

There have been times where agents under these circumstances have been in a rather embarrassing position. For illustration - on one or two occasions that I recall myself the Special Agent in Charge could not very well command the agent to perform certain duties in the evening or at night for the reason that the agent was tied up because of the fact that he was doing Special Assistants work.

Up to this time I have no particular complaint to make as to the part taken by the agents in the Chicago office with regard to appointments given to them but I am inclined to think and I believe that you will agree with me that it is more than likely that agents receiving these appointments throughout the country might abuse the privilege to the detriment of the Bureau.

If entirely consistent I would thank you to please give me an expression of your views on this subject.

Cordially and sincerely yours,



Edward J. Brennan
Division Superintendent.

CC furnished to Director Flynn.

COPY

Chas. J.
Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation.

WASHINGTON

CIK

February 21, 1921.

Mr. Walter G. Walker,
P.O.Box 455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

It is noted from your tri-monthly administrative report for the period of December 21 to 31, 1920 that on December 22-23-29-30-31, 1920, that you were engaged in the investigation of Heitler et al, violation of the Volstead Act.

No reports from you covering this investigation can be found by the Files division. Please advise if you have submitted reports giving dates, etc. If you have not already submitted reports please prepare and submit them at once, giving your authority for making this investigation.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED--LEWIS J. BALEY,
Chief.

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Address Reply to
"The Attorney General"
and refer to
Initials and Number

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Washington, D.C.

November 10, 1920.

Mr. Walter G. Walker,
Special Agent,
Bureau of Investigation,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

You are hereby appointed a special assistant to the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois to assist in the investigation and prosecution of the case of United States v. Heitler, and are hereby authorized and directed to conduct grand jury proceedings in that district in connection with this investigation and prosecution.

You are to serve without compensation other than that received by you as a special agent of the Bureau of Investigation.

Please execute and return the inclosed oath of office.

Respectfully,

A. MITCHELL PALMER

Attorney General.

Through U.S. Attorney.

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US ATTORNEY CHICAGO ILLS

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Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2.00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard day rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard day rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

B. Night Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Washington, D.C.

CBS-INV

DECEMBER 1, 1920.

Thomas J. Howe, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

Your appointment as Special Assistant to the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois is hereby extended without additional compensation to include the investigation and prosecution in that district of alleged violations of the Federal Anti-trust Laws in the manufacture, handling, trading and dealing in and transportation of building materials.

You are hereby authorized and directed to begin and conduct, on behalf of the United States, any suits, prosecutions, or other kind of legal proceedings, civil or criminal, in any court of that district, incident to or growing out of the above mentioned investigations, including proceedings before grand juries and committing magistrates, which District Attorneys now are or hereafter may be by law authorized to conduct.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. MITCHELL PALMER.

Attorney General.

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February 23, 1921.

Edward J. Brennan, Esq.,
P. O. Box 435,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the nineteenth instant, concerning the St. Paul office, I beg to state for the reasons given in your letter I agree with you entirely that you should keep at least the present force attached to that office. I know you are keeping closely in touch with the situation and will advise me whenever any change appears to be necessary or advisable.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Chief.

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
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CHICAGO, ILL.

February 19th, 1921.

CHIEF,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

RE: SAINT PAUL DISTRICT

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 16th, 1921, initialed JTS:HEJ concerning the Tri-Monthly Administrative report of Special Agent James H. Daly for February 1-10, 1921.

From the Administrative reports submitted by the St. Paul office for February 1-10, 1921, it would appear that the present volume of Bureau business in that district does not warrant the retention of the present force of Agents there. Basing the work in that district on these reports, I recommend that the services of either Special Agent in Charge Skelly, Special Agent Daly or Special Agent Murphy be dispensed with.

I have given very close and careful consideration to the Administrative reports submitted from the St. Paul and other offices in this Division and called their attention to matters referred to therein from time to time when I thought it was necessary. I have had offices render me their "Daily" investigative reports for from thirty to sixty days at a time in order that I might have a better opportunity to know just what was being done, how they were doing it and the necessity for same, in fact, getting a detailed explanation from each and every Agent in this Division.

It was after very careful consideration, particularly as to the vast territory covered by the St. Paul office, namely: all of the State of North Dakota, all of the State of Minnesota and one-half of the State of Wisconsin; the population of the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis and vicinity--three-quarters of a million; the lumber and iron industries having had so much trouble

with the I.W.W.s in that section that I concluded that in order to attempt to cover that district in any efficient manner, it would take, even below normal times, the greater portion of the time of at least three competent Agents.

I am inclined to believe that you will concur with me and would not reduce the force in that district or any other district unless, as I wrote you on February 14th:

*** * * * *In the event that it becomes absolutely necessary that if further reduction is imperative and will have to be made in order to pay those who are retained in the Bureau during the latter months of this fiscal year. * * * * *"

It is for this reason and for this reason alone that I make the above recommendation.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN,
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

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JTS:HEJ

February 16, 1921.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,

Box #455,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 14th instant giving the names of Special Agents in your division whose services can be dispensed with, provided further reductions in Bureau force are imperative. This information is of value to me and I thank you for the same.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

JTC:HEB

February 18, 1921.

Mr. E. J. Breman,

Box 455,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to DS letter #4, I have had a careful search made of our files and cannot find your reply. Will you please be good enough to send me a copy?

Very truly yours,

Chief.

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Feb. 14, 1921

CHIEF,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Attention Mr. J. T. Suter

Dear Sir:

In the event that it becomes absolutely necessary that a further reduction will have to be made in order to pay those who are retained in the Bureau during the latter months of this fiscal year, which I do hope will not be necessary, it is recommended that you forward letters to the following named Agents requesting their resignations:

Special Agent John M. Haines, Chicago.

Special Agent Lewis E. Sawyer, Milwaukee.

Special Employe Emil A. Solanka, St. Louis.

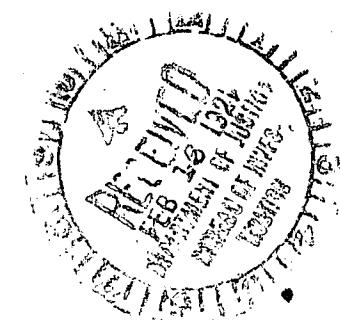
Special Agent Gerald P. Murphy, St. Paul.

The latter three, namely, Sawyer, Solanka, and Murphy, are very good agents and I would regret very much to loose their services in this Division.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN,
Division Superintendent

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NOTE
J. T. S.

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

Recd -
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P.O. Box 455

Recd

Chicago, Illinois,
February 14, 1931.



CHIEF,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 10th inst., initialed JTS-F concerning the failure of the following named special agents working in this district to submit their tri-monthly administrative reports for periods as set forth therein.

A. G. Jamie	January
A. H. Loula	January
Jacob Spolansky	January
W.G. Walker	December
L. T. Plummer	December 1-10

In connection therewith I respectfully beg to advise that our records indicate that all of these agents with the exception of Agent Walker had transmitted to your office their tri-monthly administrative reports to date.

When the matter of Agent Walker's failure to transmit said reports for the month of December was called to his attention he explained that he really had no valid excuse to offer, but stated that he would see to it henceforth that an omission of this kind did not occur. Attached hereto please find his administrative reports for the month of December.

Special Agent A.G.Jamie explains that his tri-monthly administrative report for the period January 1 to 11 was forwarded to you on January 14 and the reports covering from the 11th to the 20th, and from the 21st to the 31st were submitted to you the early part of this month.

Special Agent A. H. Loula explains that his tri-monthly administrative reports for the month of January were dictated by him on January 31st and submitted to you on that date.

Special Agent Jacob Spolansky explains that his tri-monthly administrative report for period from January 1st to 10th was submitted to you on January 17th, and subsequent administrative reports

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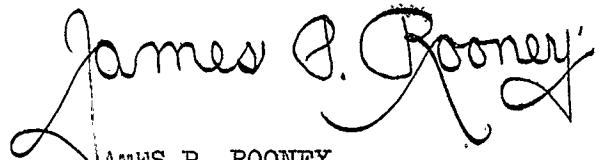
for that month, 11th to the 20th, and 21st to 31st were submitted to you on February 8th.

Special Agent Lorenzo R. Plummer explains that his tri-monthly administrative report for period from December 1st to 16th inclusive was submitted to your office about the 12th of December.

However, for your convenience, I am attaching hereto copies of the administrative reports of the last named four agents. Further, I desire to state that all of these agents, I believe, fully realize the necessity of the prompt submission of their tri-monthly administrative reports, and that in the future you will have no occasion to again call their attention to this matter, and I may, I believe, state safely, or any of the other agents connected with this office.

Regretting any annoyance occasioned in this matter, I beg to remain

yours very truly,



AMES P. ROONEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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(encl)

J. J. S.

Before final action as to Haines
suggest you confer with Director.

Flynn



E.A.B., Chicago - 7/14/21

LJB:HEJ

February 10, 1921.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Box #455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have been reading with a great deal of interest and also pleasure, the reports on your Tuesday morning talks with "gents in your office. I know these meetings must be very interesting and certainly are instructive, and are worth a great deal to the employees of your office. I am thinking seriously of having copies of these talks made and sent out to other offices in the field. I would like to have a copy of any report made concerning these meetings.

I hope I may have the pleasure of attending some of them sometime.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

David Bales
Chief.

JTS/EW

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February 10, 1921.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Division Superintendent,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant in re absence of employees. Your policy of disposing of these cases as stated in your letter is heartily approved.

Under the law a person in Federal employ who is absent from duty can only be compensated for the time lost by charging the same to annual leave if any such leave remains unexhausted, or in case of sickness upon filing of the proper affidavit if the absence does not cover a period longer than three days, or by a physician's certificate which upon approval will be sufficient to permit the employee to have sick leave not in excess of thirty working days during any calendar year. When annual leave has been exhausted and a proper certificate or affidavit cannot be obtained in case of absence due to alleged sickness then the Bureau should be promptly notified of the length of time the employee has been absent so that the records may be marked "absent without pay".

Under the rules of the Department an employee who makes it a practice to remain absent for trivial reasons attributed to illness

may, in the discretion of the proper administrative officer, be charged with annual leave for such absence. This rule was made to meet the practice of those employees who are inclined to impose upon the Government and gain for themselves not only full annual leave with pay but also use the thirty days sick leave allowed by law for their own recreation and profit when their absence is not in fact due to physical incapacity.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

JY. D.

Feb. 10, 1921.

Mr. J. P. Noonan,

P. O. Box 455,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Our records show that the following Special Agents working in your district have not submitted tri-monthly reports for the periods mentioned opposite their names:

A. G. Jamie
A. H. Louis
Jacob Szollosny
W. G. Walker
L. T. Plummer

January - *need*
January - *need*
January - *need*
December - *need*
Dec. 1 to 10 - *need*

It is important that our records be made complete. Please instruct the above Special Agents to forward immediately reports for the periods mentioned and regularly submit such reports in the future.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

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Ans. 2/10/21
JAS
[Handwritten signature]

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Feb. 8, 1921.

CHIEF,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The question has arisen from time to time as to the proper and correct way in reporting and charging leave where employes are absent on account of it being absolutely necessary that they should be present at home attending to the wants of their sick brother, sister, or parent.

Heretofore when an attache of this office was absent under these circumstances we allowed, approved, and charged such against his or her annual leave.

We have no available Agents here. We have not enough to do the work and do it efficiently. The same can be said as to the stenographic force, and I of course would not allow or approve any annual leave except under these circumstances.

Two or three of the stenographers have been absent on account of it being absolutely necessary for them to attend to the sick wants of their near relatives. Upon their return I will forward annual leave slips with copy of their report explaining.

Would thank you for an expression of your views in the matter.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Division Superintendent

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Chief
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February 2, 1921.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Division Superintendent,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I notice among the tri-monthly administrative reports I read today one made by Special Agent James H. Daly, St. Paul, Minn., for January 11-20, 1921, in which he states that on the 14th, 15th, 18th and 19th he was "at Bureau office the entire day".

Please be good enough to advise me whether this is an indication of lack of work sufficient to keep the force at St. Paul actively employed.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

January 31, 1921.

CHICAGO, ILL.

EDWARD J. BRENNAN

DIVISION #5



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CHICAGO DISTRICT

Special Agents

✓ James P. Rooney, Special Agent in Charge Chicago Office.

✓ Howe, Thomas J.✓
✓ Walker, Walter G.✓
✓ Loebl, Louis ✓
✓ Harris, Allen P.✓
✓ Berger, Max F.✓
✓ Plummer, Lorenzo T.✓
✓ Loula, August H.✓
✓ Payronnin, James O.✓
✓ Rooney, James D.✓
✓ Jamie, Alexander G.✓
✓ Spolansky, Jacob ✓
✓ Mullen, Thomas F.✓
✓ Fergus, Patrick J.✓
✓ Wolff, Maurice,✓
✓ Shanahan, Edwin C.✓
✓ Kahn, Bernard ✓
✓ Haines, John M.✓

Chicago District - continued

Clerical force

- ✓ Donnelly, Dorothy - Chf.Clerk & Secretary to Division Superintendent
- ✓ Cooney, Mrs. Margaret M., Stenographer
- ✓ Donnelly, Virginia - Stenographer
- ✓ Brennan, John E. - Stenographer
- ✓ Hassel, Ettiena - Stenographer
- ✓ Johnson, Fannie - File Clerk
- ✓ Dunkel, Helen - Switchboard operator.

ST.LOUIS DISTRICT

Special Agents

✓ McLaughlin, James J. - Special Agent in Charge

✓ Fisher, Charles W. ✓

✓ Lynch, John A. Jr. ✓

✓ Maher, Dennis W. ✓

✓ Solanka, Emil A. ✓

Clerical Force

Weiler, Marguerite - Stenographer & File Clerk ✓

O'Rielly, Marie - Stenographer. ✓

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT

Special Agents

- ✓ Stroud, Henry H. - Special Agent in Charge ✓
- ✓ Sawyer, Lewis E. ✓
- ✓ Harris, Charles L. ✓
- ✓ Dole, Earl L. ✓

Clerical

- Derber, Edna H. ✓

ST. PAUL DISTRICT

Special Agents

✓ Skelly, Roger E. - Special Agent in Charge

✓ Daly, James H.

✓ Murphy, Gerald P.

Stenographer

Deyo, Alice.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT

Special agents

✓ Dodge, Franklin L. - Special Agent in Charge.

JPS:ERJ

January 25, 1921.

Mr. Thomas J. Howe,
Box #400, /
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—

It gave me genuine pleasure to read this morning a letter from Division Superintendent Brennen, in re U.S. vs. William Brins, et al. I have carefully noted the Grand Jury report under date of the 21st instant in which you and Special Agent Rooney were highly commended for the excellent work in connection with the investigation and the securing of indictments in the matter of alleged mill-men's agreement to control prices.

I have also noted the statement made by Division Superintendent Brennen of his high estimate of the excellent work you performed in the case. It is indeed gratifying to know that the good work of our Special Agents is recognized, and I want to extend to you in the present instance the congratulations of the dozen.

Very truly yours,

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JTS:HEJ

January 25, 1921.

Mr. James D. Rooney,
Box #455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:--

It gave me genuine pleasure to read this morning a letter from Division Superintendent Brennan, in re U.S. vs. William Brimes, et al. I have carefully noted the Grand Jury report under date of the 21st instant in which you and Special Agent Howe were highly commended for the excellent work in connection with the investigation and the procuring of indictments in the matter of alleged mill-men's agreement to control prices.

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Very truly yours,

Chief.

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January 25, 1921.

Mr. E. J. Brennan,
Box #455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 22d instant in re
U.S.v.s. William Brims, et al., and I am today writing
both Special Agents Howe and Rooney, enclosing herewith
a copy of my letter to one of them.

I am indeed glad to note the excellent work
they have performed.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

Box 455
Chicago, Illinois.
January 22nd, 1921.

LEWIS J. BAILEY, Esquire,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

RE: U.S. vs WILLIAM BRIMS ET AL

Violation Section 1 of the Act of 1902,
(Commonly known as the Sherman Act.)

Dear Sir:-

It is extremely gratifying to me to be able to advise you of the successful investigation made by Special Agents Thomas J. Howe and James D. Rooney, of this Chicago office, of a conspiracy among the Millmen's Association--manufacturers, contractors and Labor Unions,--to violate the above mentioned Section of the Sherman Act.

I am enclosing a clipping of the Chicago Tribune of this morning's issue on this investigation.

The Grand Jury returned on yesterday, Friday, January 21, 1921, indictments against;

25 manufacturers
6 contractors
<u>16 Labor Union officials</u>
47 individuals
<u>21 corporations</u>
<u>68 TOTAL</u>

The excellent work of these two Agents is commendable and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to call your attention to the services of these Agents and to incorporate herein a verbatim copy of the Grand Jury's report to the Court on the investigation of this matter and the indictments returned which reads as follows:

"Chicago, January 21st, 1921.

"We, the members of the November Grand Jury want to commend District Attorney Charles F. Clyne and his assistants Mr. Thomas J. Howe, and Mr. James D. Rooney, for the excellent work they have done in connection with the investigation and the procuring of indictments in the matter of the alleged Mill-mens agreement to control prices, and we recommend that they continue this investigation along other lines of building materials, affecting price on buildings.

"We, the Jury, feel that the outcome of such investigation will be the lowering of the price of building, thus encouraging building of homes which will bring relief in the housing conditions of this city and thruout the country."

SIGNED--All the Jurors
(Twenty-three in number)

Trusting that I will always have the pleasure of writing you in this way concerning the Special Agents and attaches of this office, and this Division, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN,
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT.

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January 19th, 1921.

Mr. H. J. Brennan,
Box #455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 17th instant in re
Miss Edna H. Derber and would state that my reason for
directing your attention to the communication was to
preserve our Bureau organization and cause such matters
arising in your division to be submitted through you,
thus giving me the benefit of your valuable recomenda-
tion.

Very truly yours,

Chief.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

**P.O.BOX 455
Chicago, Illinois.**

January 17, 1921.

**CHIEF,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.**

Dear Sir:

Beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 15, 1921, initialed JTS-HEJ concerning an application of MISS EDNA H. DERGER, stenographer in the Bureau office at Milwaukee, Wis. for an increase in her salary of \$1200 per annum to \$1400 per annum, and requesting me to advise you whether I recommend an increase in her salary.

As I have already written you the Milwaukee office has given us the only trouble in this division. The special agent in charge has acted in a rather non-chalant manner with regard to the new rules and regulations having been dominated heretofore by the United States Attorney of that district, and it seems that he and some attaches of his office have done things irrespective of the rules laid down and practically disregarded the Division Superintendent of the division.

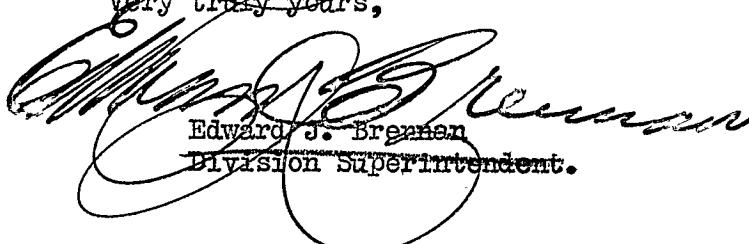
The Milwaukee office has been very fortunate in remaining intact this long and owe this fortunate condition to the heroic manner in which the very highly efficient agents of the Chicago office have rendered such valuable service thus making it unnecessary so far to draw on the Milwaukee office or for you to discontinue the services of some of the employes in that district.

It was my intention in my last recommendation in the reduction of the force in this division to let out an agent of the Milwaukee District and possibly discontinue the services of the stenographer in that office and have

Special Agent Dole take care of the stenographic work together with his duties as a Special Agent in direct charge of Visa matters of that office. It is my opinion that he does more stenographic work now than the stenographer of that office. I do not wish you to understand by this that there are too many men in that district or in any part of the division - there is an abundance of work in the different districts, in fact, I might say that the number of employes is below the minimum. But I do want to say that the Milwaukee office has suffered the least and that the Chicago office has stood the brunt of everything in this division, stenographers included.

As to Miss Derber's salary, of course I never am against the increase of any person's salary provided of course that they are efficient - and I certainly have not the slightest objection for Miss Derber's salary to be increased from \$1200. to \$1400. per annum but I think that it is a very bad precedent for a stenographer, particularly, to go over the head of the Special Agent in Charge of the District and the Division Superintendent of the Division, instead of going about it in the regular prescribed manner and the way in which all the other special agents employes and stenographers of the Bureau have to do and should do.

Very truly yours,


Edward J. Brennan
Division Superintendent.

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Department of Justice.

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Chief Dept of Justice

Washn DC

Leaving for St Louis tonight address care Fureau office there
expect return here Saturday morning next

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Department of Justice.

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Chicago, Ills. January 10, 1921

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Washington

Permission requested to send experienced agent to Muscatine Iowa, and Kansas City Missouri tonight interview very important witnesses and return here by next Thursday morning for grand jury stop Investigation is on extremely important matter pending here before the grand jury and request is made to me by inedible

Brennan

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JTG: HBJ

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January 10, 1921.

Brennan,
Federal Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

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City granted. One.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Jan. 3, 1921.

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CHIEF,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attached herewith please find a list of
all the Special Agents, Special Employes, and
other employes of this Bureau in this (#5) Div-
ision.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN
Division Superintendent

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Encl.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JANUARY 1, 1921

EDWARD JAMES BRENNAN

Division Superintendent
Division Number Five

CHICAGO

JAMES P. ROONEY
Agent in Charge

DISTRICT

The following named agents on duty
Chicago Office prior to commencing of
reduction of force:

1. George H. Bragdon, resigned.
2. George F. R. Cummerow, resigned.
3. John P. Folsom, resigned.
4. Patrick J. Fergus.
5. Harold S. Hibbard, resigned.
6. Thomas J. Howe.
7. John W. Hughes, resigned.
8. Alexander G. Jamie.
9. Bernard Kahn.
10. August H. Loula.
11. Dennis W. Maher, transferred St. Louis
District.
12. Thomas F. Mullen.
13. James O. Peyronnin.
14. Lorenzo Plummer.
15. James D. Rooney.
16. Jacob Spolansky.
17. Franklin M. Sturgis, transferred to
Los Angeles.
18. Leon Willis, resigned.
19. Morris Wolff.
20. John M. Haines.
21. Ward E. Thompson, resigned.
22. Louis Loeb.
23. Walter G. Walker.
24. Thomas J. O'Grady, resigned.
25. Royal E. Chatfield, resigned.
26. Elmer J. Joyce, resigned.
27. Raymond J. King Kelly, resigned.
28. William J. Kareiva, resigned.
29. Frank J. Elias, resigned.
30. Fred Loula, resigned.
31. Edwin C. Shanahan.
32. Frank K. Nebeker Jr., transferred to
Washington.
33. William F. Hartnett, resigned.
34. Edward White, transferred to Indian-
apolis.
35. R. A. Carter, transferred to Butte.
36. James T. McDermott, resigned.
37. Robert J. Bates, resigned.

The following named agents on duty
and attached to the Chicago Office
January 1, 1921:

1. Howe, Thomas J. ✓
2. Walker, Walter G. ✓
3. Harris, Allen P. ✓
4. Loeb, Louis, ✓
5. Burger, Max F. ✓
6. Rooney, Jas. D. ✓
7. Jamie, Alexander G. ✓
8. Plummer, Lorenzo. ✓
9. Peyronnin, Jas. O. ✓
10. Fergus, Patrick F. ✓
11. Mullen, Thos. F. ✓
12. Kahn, Bernard. ✓
13. Wolff, Maurice. ✓
14. Spolansky, Jacob. ✓
15. Loula, August H. ✓
16. Shanahan, Edwin C. ✓
17. Haines, John M. ✓

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38. Ernest O. Irish, transferred to Washington.
39. Allen P. Harris.
40. Thomas Houser, resigned.
41. Royal N. Allen, resigned.
42. Max. F. Burger.

The following named clerks and stenographers on duty Chicago Office prior to commencing of reduction of force:

1. Dorothy Donnelly, Chief Clerk.
2. Mrs. Mary M. Cooney, stenographer.
3. John Edw. Brennan, stenographer.
4. Virginia Donnelly, stenographer.
5. Leona B. Faerber, stenographer,
resigned.
6. Mary L. Faerber, stenographer,
resigned.
7. Hazel Dugan, stenographer, resigned.
8. Marian Siegel, stenographer, resigned.
9. Alice F. Phalen, stenographer,
resigned.
10. Fannie Johnson, file clerk.
11. Helen Dunkel, switchboard operator.

The following named clerks and stenographers on duty and attached to the Chicago Office January 1, 1921:

- 1.✓ Dorothy Donnelly, Chief clerk. ✓
- 2.✓ Mrs. Mary M. Cooney, stenographer.
- 3.✓ John Edw. Brennan, stenographer.
- 4.✓ Virginia Donnelly, stenographer.
- 5.✓ Ettiena Hassels, stenographer.
- 6.✓ Fannie Johnson, file clerk.
- 7.✓ Helen Dunkel, switchboard operator.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE

JAMES J. MC LAUGHLIN
Special Agent in Charge

AGENTS

1. Fisher, Charles W. ✓
2. Maher, Dennis W. ✓
3. Lynch, John A. Jr. ✓
4. Solanki, Emil A. ✓

CLERKS AND STENOGRAPHERS

1. Weiler, Marguerite, stenographer. ✓
2. O'Reilly, Marie, stenographer ✓

ST. PAUL OFFICE

ROGER E. SKELLY ✓
Special Agent in Charge

AGENTS

1. Daly, Jas. H. ✓
2. Murphy, Gerald P. ✓

CLERKS AND STENOGRAPHERS

1. Alice Deyo, stenographer. ✓

MILWAUKEE OFFICE

HENRY H. STRUD ✓
Special Agent in Charge

AGENTS

1. Sawyer, Lewis E. ✓
2. Harris, Chas. L. ✓
3. Dole, Earl L. ✓

STENOGRAPHERS AND CLERKS

1. Derber, Edna H. ✓

GRAND RAPIDS OFFICE

This office practically closed. Special Agent Franklin L. Dodge Jr.,
headquarters Grand Rapids, works in the Grand Rapids District. —
No stenographer.